

## Message Text

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APPROVED BY NEA:NAVELIOTES  
H:BATWOOD (SUBS)  
S/S-O:TMARTIN  
NEA/IAI:WBSMITH

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O R 190200Z APR 78 ZFF6  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV IMMEDIATE  
INFO WHITE HOUSE 0181

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NODIS  
FOR THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, IS, US

SUBJECT: AIRCRAFT PACKAGE

1. PRESS TODAY REPORTED GENERAL GUR'S STATEMENT THAT HE  
RECOMMENDED ISRAEL WITHDRAW ITS REQUEST FOR F-15S AND  
F-16S IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN HAND OF THOSE ELEMENTS IN  
CONGRESS OPPOSED TO MIDDLE EAST AIRCRAFT SALES. GUR  
EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT DYNAMICS OF AMERICAN POLITICS  
WOULD ASSURE THAT ISRAEL WOULD LATER OBTAIN AIRCRAFT THAT  
IT NEEDS.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR BEST ASSESSMENT AS TO WHETHER  
THIS PROPOSAL IS BEING SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED WITHIN GOI  
AND, IF SO, WHETHER THERE IS ANY LIKELIHOOD THAT ISRAELIS

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WOULD FOLLOW THROUGH ON GUR RECOMMENDATION.  
CHRISTOPHER

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## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** Z  
**Capture Date:** 01 jan 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
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**Decaption Date:** 20 Mar 2014  
**Decaption Note:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
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**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
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**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 20 Mar 2014  
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